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Kansas Cattle on Feed

The number of **cattle on feed** on April 1, 2006 in Kansas feedlots with 1,000 head or more capacity totaled 2.59 million head, up 11 percent from a year ago but 1 percent below the number on hand March 1, 2006. This is the highest April 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. **Placements** during March totaled 480,000 head, 8 percent higher than a year ago and 17 percent above February 2006 placements of 410,000 head. **Marketings** during March totaled 470,000 head, 2 percent above March 2005 and 31 percent above February 2006. **Other disappearance** was 30,000 head, up 15,000 from a year ago and up 10,000 head from the previous month. The percent of March placements by weight was: under 600 pounds, 15 percent; 600-699 pounds, 17 percent; 700-799 pounds, 34 percent; and 800 pounds or heavier, 34 percent.

U.S. Cattle on Feed

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.8 million head on April 1, 2006. The inventory was 9 percent above April 1, 2005 and 10 percent above April 1, 2004. This is the highest April 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. **Placements** in feedlots during March totaled 1.84 million, 5 percent higher than 2005 and 1 percent above 2004. Net placements were 1.75 million. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 380,000, 600-699 pounds were 342,000, 700-799 pounds were 565,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 550,000. **Marketings** of fed cattle during March totaled 1.96 million, slightly below both 2005 and 2004. **Other disappearance** totaled 90,000 during March, 32 percent above 2005 and 34 percent above 2004.

**Cattle on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance,
1,000+ Head Capacity Feedlots, Selected States and United States, March - April 2005 - 2006**

State	Number on Feed ¹				March Placements		March Marketings		Other Disappearance during March ²	
	Mar 1 2006	April 1								
		2005	2006	% of 2005	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>(%)</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
AZ.....	351	326	351	108	27	30	24	28	1	2
CA	550	500	535	107	65	59	70	68	10	6
CO.....	1,090	1,020	1,070	105	165	155	175	165	10	10
ID	255	240	250	104	44	42	53	45	1	2
IA	520	455	500	110	55	55	64	73	1	2
KS.....	2,610	2,340	2,590	111	445	480	460	470	15	30
NE.....	2,450	2,260	2,400	106	300	335	350	370	10	15
NM.....	143	113	139	123	13	21	23	23	2	2
OK.....	365	325	360	111	61	68	73	72	3	1
SD	210	205	210	102	31	36	34	35	2	1
TX.....	3,010	2,620	2,940	112	480	485	540	540	10	15
WA.....	154	159	152	96	22	26	47	27	1	1
Oth Sts	315	310	315	102	42	45	50	42	2	3
U.S.	12,023	10,873	11,812	109	1,750	1,837	1,963	1,958	68	90

¹ Being fattened for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates to grade select or better. ² Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots.

**Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Weight Group,
1,000+ Head Capacity Feedlots, Selected States and United States, March 2005-2006**

State	Placed in March									
	Under 600 lbs.		600-699 lbs.		700-799 lbs.		800 Plus lbs.		Total	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
CO	15	25	35	30	65	60	50	40	165	155
KS	50	70	85	80	170	165	140	165	445	480
NE	34	50	52	50	92	90	122	145	300	335
TX	85	120	105	120	190	165	100	80	480	485
Other States	115	115	43	62	92	85	110	120	360	382
U.S.....	299	380	320	342	609	565	522	550	1,750	1,837

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed by Class
1,000+ Head Capacity Feedlots, by Quarter, State, and United States, 2005-2006**

	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves			Cows and Bulls		
	Apr 1, 2005	Jan 1, 2006	Apr 1, 2006	Apr 1, 2005	Jan 1, 2006	Apr 1, 2006	Apr 1, 2005	Jan 1, 2006	Apr 1, 2006
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
CO	620	690	740	390	380	320	10	10	10
KS	1,320	1,390	1,460	995	1,090	1,110	25	20	20
NE	1,410	1,460	1,480	835	950	900	15	20	20
TX	1,680	1,900	1,940	936	1,017	999	4	3	1
Other States	1,962	2,130	2,120	647	710	668	24	34	24
U.S.....	6,992	7,570	7,740	3,803	4,147	3,997	78	87	75

Kansas Milk Production up 2.5 Percent and U.S. up 5.5 Percent

The March 2006 **milk production in Kansas** totaled 204 million pounds, up 11.5 percent from February and 2.5 percent above March 2005. The **production per cow** averaged 1,840 pounds, an increase of 190 pounds from February and an increase of 30 pounds from March 2005. The **number of milk cows** was estimated at 111,000 cows, unchanged from the previous month, but up 1,000 head from the previous year.

Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 14.6 billion pounds, up 5.5 percent from March 2005. February revised production, at 13.0 billion pounds, was up 5.9 percent from February 2005. The February revision represented a decrease of 7 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. **Production per cow** in the 23 major States averaged 1,773 pounds for March, 66 pounds above March 2005. The **number of milk cows** on farms in the 23 major States was 8.22 million head, 124,000 head more than March 2005, and 17,000 head more than February 2006.

For economic analysis and market implications of these reports, please go to www.agmanager.info/livestock/marketing/outlook/newsletters/default.asp and click on the latest Outlook provided by Dr. Jim Mintert, Extension Ag Economist with KSU-Research & Extension Service.